

The Commonwealth.

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LET US LINE UP.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not pose as any one's political monitor, or special advisor; but we confess to a feeling of impatience at the doubt and uncertainty which now lie in the Democratic highway in North Carolina.

Well, now, if it is to make Democrats see but stars even by which they may be enabled to wade out of the darkness that gathers and crowds around them, in the name of all good, let it happen, and the sooner the better.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the Democratic party in North Carolina has seemed more at sea on the threshold of this campaign than it has for years before.

Time has been, and that not far back, when it was not so. When most good Democrats now in the State first began to exercise their kingship in the use of the ballot they knew what was before them and what kind of warfare they had to make, and what the color of the enemy's uniform.

The maneuvers of this campaign remind one of a lakir at a county fair—"Now you see it, and now you don't."

About two or three times a week it goes out in some newspaper that there will be fusion on the electoral ticket. There will be fusion of some kind which will save the votes for Mr. Bryan, but it can't be told exactly how; and about as often some one else thinks it cannot be done, or words to that effect.

Now, in the name of thousands of good and loyal Democrats in North Carolina, who are willing to do their duty if they can find it, THE COMMONWEALTH calls upon the leaders, the committees, or whoever is to do it, to give us some definite work and final plan of work that we may know what is expected of us.

And if it is not yet known how we must work, do let the Greek admonition be observed until some plan of work can be settled upon: "Say something better than silence, or keep silent."

It takes enthusiasm to do such things as fight a political battle successfully; and we need to know our enemy's position and who he is to inspire such enthusiasm.

ANOTHER ILLUSTRATED EDITION.

The Raleigh News & Observer is enterprising. Last Sunday's issue was twenty pages. It was a fish, fruit and trucking edition. It showed many fine views of truck farms and fisheries in Eastern Carolina and was quite creditable to this part of the State and to the enterprising management of the paper.

BRYAN TO VISIT NORTH CAROLINA.

It has been announced on the authority of Democratic State Chairman Manly that Hon. W. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, will visit North Carolina during the campaign. He will make three regular speeches, one at Raleigh, one at Greensboro and perhaps at some other point. He will make a two days' trip through the State and will speak from the rear end of the car at many of the larger towns.

HOKE SMITH RESIGNS.

Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, has offered his resignation, which will go into effect September 1st. President Cleveland has announced that ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri, has been appointed in Mr. Smith's stead.

SHORT CROPS.

Rain, Drought and Heat Have Done The Work.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 24.—The State crop bulletin issued to-day says the past week was more favorable for crops and especially for farm work than any since the middle of July, owing to the beneficial rains at many points and temperature being below normal.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 23.—The director of the State Bureau of the United States Weather and Crop Service said in his last report: "From all portions of the State come the reports of deterioration, due to excessive heat and want of rain. Not a single report was received, but it is stated that cotton is failing. So general and extended is the injury done by the want of rain that only Sea Island cotton escaped and that is ripening prematurely."

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 22.—R. T. Nesbitt, commissioner of agriculture, reports as follows on the condition of the Georgia cotton crop:

The early planted cotton (about half the crop) started off well and made a good crop, which is now matured and is being picked. The balance of the crop, however, came up late on account of the dry April and May. This late cotton made rapid growth and up to August 1 looked very promising, but without any matured bolls. Excessively hot and dry weather of the past three weeks has ruined this cotton, causing shedding of leaves, forms and young bolls and leaving only a few half-grown bolls on stalks.

LOUISIANA. Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 22.—The following statement of the crop in Louisiana was made to-day by G. G. Lee, commissioner of agriculture of Louisiana:

The cotton crop throughout the State has been cut short for the past three weeks from 10 to 30 per cent. The uplands or hill sections of the State, embracing the parishes of Union, Claiborne, Webster, Bienville, Jackson, Caldwell, Winn, Grant, Lincoln, Western Catahoula, Western Ouachita, part of Morehouse, Bossier, Natchitoches, Sabine, De Soto and Caddo are short from 70 to 80 per cent. It is in these parishes that the drought, with the excessive hot weather of the past four or five weeks has prevailed and almost complete failure is the result in the parishes above named.

MISSISSIPPI. Alluvial parishes are short from 34 to 45 per cent. Rapideses is from 25 to 85 per cent. short, as is also Caddo, Bossier, St. Landry, Pointcoupee and West Feliciana and East Feliciana 50 per cent. short. The Florida parishes are from 40 to 50 per cent. short. Estimating last year's crop at 100, the total crop of the State this year will not be over 50 to 60 per cent.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 22.—The State commissioner of agriculture has not heard from more than half his agents in the counties in regard to the crop statistics for the month of August.

An estimate based upon the returns from these counties and casual information from other places, the crop is put at about 60 per cent. of the average. The effects of the protracted heat and drought are painfully apparent in the damage to the corn and cotton crops, and it is not unlikely that 50 per cent. is too high an estimate for these staples. Later returns, however, may materially alter these figures.

POPULISTS ENDORSED KITCHIN.

At the county convention at Wentworth a few days ago, the Populists endorsed Mr. W. W. Kitchin, Democratic nominee for Congress from the Fifth District. If the Populists throughout the district endorse Mr. Kitchin, he will almost certainly be elected.

TO BE ELECTED.

The following officers are to be voted for in North Carolina this year: Electors for President and Vice-President. In the State—Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, two Justices of Supreme court.

In the county—Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Coroner, Surveyor, three county commissioners, and in each township there are to be elected three Justices of the Peace and a Constable.

STATE NEWS.

Raleigh, N. C., August 22.—From information received from different portions of the State of North Carolina Governor Carr feels satisfied that the cotton crop for this year has been injured nearly 40 per cent on account of the excessive dryness and intense heat.

The Raleigh Correspondent to the Wilmington Messenger says: "Mrs. C. P. Pickford, of Lynn Mass., today sent to Joseph G. Brown, Treasurer, \$500 for Pickford sanitarium for colored consumptives at Southern Pines. The sanitarium will be built under the supervision of Dr. Scruggs, a colored physician of this city."

Northern capitalists have this week purchased 4,000 acres of land in Warren county, for use as a game preserve.

A telegram dated at Suffolk, Va., Aug. 22, said:

A large mob of enraged citizens, armed with rifles, swords and pistols, this morning before day made a desperate attack on a crowd who are styled the sanctified band on Chowan river, near Montrose, N. C., forty miles from Suffolk. The sanctified band numbers 103 men, women and children and were sheltered in four arks anchored fifty yards from shore. One woman was killed and several men wounded. Since operating in the locality their influence had become so great that congregations of old churches were disintegrated and hundreds were converted to the new doctrine. The moral influence was of a baneful character. Husbands and fathers feared for their wives and children and domestic ties were broken. The band meanwhile was preaching sanctification and holiness. The men of the attacking mob fought with desperation, indicating a determination to oust the intruders. The leaders of the sanctified band are Sadie Collins and a man named Lynch."

RINGWOOD NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

RINGWOOD, N. C., Aug. 24, '96. Cool and fall like weather. Tobacco cutting about over. Crops ordinary. Corn picking will commence soon. The crop is quite short.

Mrs. Patsy Smith, aged 87 years, died on Wednesday last. She had been confined to her room a year or so and had suffered a great deal, but she was a christian and has gone to rest. She had 10 children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She did what she could while living and now enjoys the reward.

Two colored men engaged in a fight on Mr. Simpson's Woodlawn farm and bit off each others lips. Large pieces of one's under and the other's upper lip were bitten off and both are marked for awhile if not for life. Dr. G. E. Matthews dressed the wounds.

Mr. Charlie Harvey, of Raleigh, a very clever and courteous young gentleman, is visiting the family of Mr. W. V. Bobbitt.

The pleasant sociable at the elegant home of Mr. L. Vinson was much enjoyed by the young people and visitors from a distance.

Mrs. Irene Herbert and son of Kingston are visiting Mr. John Weller.

Miss Annie Huggins of Goldsboro is visiting Miss Maggie Bullock.

Mr. Ed. Simpson went to Wilson last week and spent a couple of days with his mother.

Mr. A. W. Threewits who has been quite sick is rapidly improving, to the delight of his many friends.

Miss Annie Garrett of Weldon who has been visiting relatives here has returned home.

Quite a crowd from here attended a picnic at Panacea Springs last week and had a very pleasant time.

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MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WELDON, N. C., Aug. 25, 1896. Miss Agnes McGee of Weldon was driving a high bridge in Mosh Island crossing a horse to a buggy. When nearly across the bridge the horse became frightened at a hole in one of the planks and backed off the bridge a distance of about 20 feet, the buggy falling first and both Miss McGee and the horse falling on the buggy, but neither were hurt. The buggy was slightly damaged. Some persons who were near went to her assistance, and got them out with little trouble.

An excursion passed here from Norfolk to Littleton to-day. Numbers of colored people took advantage of the cheap trip and joined the excursionists.

Our school building will soon be completed and will present a nice appearance when finished. Mr. Jones, the principal, has arrived and is ready to commence his school duties. Mr. Julian Bagley of West Point, Va., has also returned to school. A great many of our people are out of town for a little recreation.

The Methodist church is undergoing repairs and will be ready for use in about two weeks.

SENATOR LUCAS FOR CONGRESS.

At the Democratic Congressional Convention in Washington Tuesday, State Senator Lucas of Tyrrell county was nominated for Congress for the First District. Senator Lucas says he is going to win.

Mr. John H. Small was made elector.

Notice!

North Carolina—Halifax County, Superior Court, Nov. Term, 1896. Harry Hyman vs Dinah Hyman.

Let the defendant, Dinah Hyman, take notice that the above entitled action has been begun in said court by the said Harry Hyman against her for a divorce on the ground of abandonment, the summons returnable to the Nov. term of said court, to be held in the town of Halifax on the eighth Monday after the last Monday in September, 1896, when and where defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of the said plaintiff.

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